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Bowers Gave Order to Kill, Witness Says

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — An ex-Klansman has told a state court that Sam H. Bowers Jr. gave the order at a secret Ku Klux Klan meeting to kill Negro leader Vernon Dahmer.

T. Webber Rogers, 31, of Covington County, testified yesterday that he attended the meeting in which Bowers pounded on a table and "gave the order for the hit" or attack on Dahmer's home.

Bowers, 44 - year-old Laurel coin machine operator, is charged with murder in the Jan. 10, 1966 fire bomb death of Dahmer.